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## Sensations Multiplied

Testimony of Hon. Mr. Wells Flatly Denied By Mr. Taylor.

Victoria Barrister Declares Subject Was First Broached to Him.

And That Chief Commissioner Was Seeking a Better Bargain.

Mr. W. J. Taylor, of the legal firm of Eberts & Taylor, whose name has been so prominently mentioned in connection with the alleged scandalous deal projected in connection with the Columbia and Western subsidy lands, was in the witness box yesterday morning at the resumption of business by the Oliver committee of investigation. In accordance with the promise made by the Premier, Mr. Oliver had been provided with counsel, in the person of Mr. Layman P. Duff, while the Chief Commissioner was personally represented by Mr. C. C. McCull, K.C., of Vancouver, these gentlemen reserving their cross-examination of Mr. Taylor until they have had time and opportunity to familiarize themselves with the evidence on the tangled case into which they have just been introduced as actors. The other witnesses of the morning were Mr. Richard McBride and Hon. Mr. McInnes, in neither of whose statements did any element of special interest present itself.

In presenting himself for examination at the opening of the committee meeting, Mr. Taylor explained that a most serious charge had been preferred against him, which he desired immediately to refute. He had had an important case adjourned at New Westminster to enable him to attend the committee sitting with this in view, and the official stenographer not at that time being in attendance—he was willing to make his statement so slowly that it might be taken down in longhand, rather than have delay occur in putting himself on record. He asked for the privilege, at the same time, of cross-examining the Chief Commissioner at a later period of the investigation, either personally or by counsel. This introductory conversation was still in progress when Mr. Gilbert, the official reporter of the committee proceedings, arrived upon the scene, and the inquiry opened thereupon in quite the usual way.

On being sworn, Mr. Taylor went directly to the subject matter of the interview with Hon. Mr. Wells in Montreal, in which connection it had been alleged by the Chief Commissioner that he (Mr. Taylor) had visited Hon. Mr. Wells at his room in the Windsor hotel, and had endeavored to induce him to make delivery of the Columbia & Western grants, suggesting that if he did so, there was an opportunity for him (Wells) to obtain 30,000 acres of the land for himself.

Mr. Taylor's version of the conversation was very different indeed. He had gone to Montreal, he said, in connection with an entirely private business transaction with Mr. A. C. Plummer, traveling with Mr. Plummer, and having his expenses defrayed by that gentleman, subject to adjustment in the settling up of the business of the company in which they were mutually interested. He had had no pass from the C. P. R., nor had he any connection with that company's interests direct or indirect, business or personal.

Hon. Mr. Wells was a guest at the hotel. He asked him to go to a theatre with him. A conversation had ensued upon a matter introduced by Hon. Mr. Wells and which related to the connection with the Columbia & Western matter. Afterwards Hon. Mr. Wells had imparted the information that he had with him the grants in satisfaction of the Columbia & Western subsidy, but had not yet made delivery of them to the company.

"He said that he thought before he gave them up, the company ought to 'do something,'" continued Mr. Taylor, "and he intimated that the company should do something, as he was in a very peculiar position." He did not explain what that peculiar position was, but he added that the company should do something, and he was willing to help the government out politically, if presumed he meant.

"He then intimated that he was asking that the building of the line to Spencer's Bridge be made a condition for delivery of the grants, and I said I thought that was a very queer way of doing business for a government to hang up a subsidy for the doing of some particular work, and then when it came to the point of delivery of the grants, to refuse to pay until some other action was performed. Wells then remarked that there ought to be twenty or thirty thousand acres in it for us, and I replied that taking out twenty or thirty thousand acres for the company was a very large crowd, there wouldn't be much left out of 600,000 acres. To this he had replied that there would be a good deal more in it by not giving the grants and having the lands located than by giving over the lands to the company."

"I told him that I thought it was a very peculiar thing to have a government make a bargain with a company, and then see one of the ministers go dabbling about the country with the grants in his pocket—sparring for better terms. He said that he could explain all that—he had fixed it with Mr. Dunsinuir before leaving Victoria. He had already squared the matter with the government, I said that would not be likely to satisfy the public, and he said something about being able to look after that all right. I asked him if it would not be better to do the square thing—if the company was to get the grants to give them to them, and if not then straight out. In that way the government would be acting properly and would keep its friends, not sacrifice them, as would be the natural result of the way that he was acting. He said that he was going to see Shaughnessy in any event, and I advised him not to. There was nothing further said in the matter."

## WORKMAN KILLED.

Port William, Ont., May 5.—Wm. Moss, workman on a steel tank, fell a distance of 65 feet yesterday, and received injuries which caused death a few hours later.

## TO WARN BULGARIA.

Sublime Porte Requests Austria to Address Final Notice.

London, May 5.—The Vienna correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says the Turkish ambassador at Vienna, acting on the Porte's instructions, has requested the Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs to address a final warning to Bulgaria and that country while expressing regret that the Turkish precautions were so inadequate, the outrages having been foretold, has promised to intervene at Sofia.

## PERSIAN GULF AFFAIRS.

Lord Lansdowne Explains Government's Position.

London, May 5.—Replying in the House of Lords today to a request for information regarding the policy of the government in connection with the Persian Gulf, Foreign Secretary Lansdowne said the whole subject of British relations with Persia was being anxiously considered by the government, especially the customs tariff. He was not satisfied that Great Britain should be content with the most favored nation treatment, but he has not yet made an arrangement by which, instead of accepting the agreement between Persia and the other powers, British interests should be specially considered. It was the policy of His Majesty's government to protect British trade without excluding the legitimate trade of other countries.

## Wirings From Winnipeg

Rev. Dr. Sutherland En Route to Attend the Methodist Conference.

Attempted Murder and Suicide Reported From the North.

Winnipeg, May 5.—Rev. Dr. Sutherland, Methodist missionary secretary, has left here for the coast. Dr. Sutherland will meet a number of Indian missionaries at Vancouver to discuss matters with them, and afterwards attend the British Columbia conference in Victoria, May 14.

Reports of a case of attempted murder, followed by suicide, has just reached Edmonton by travelers from the North. A half-breed named Pierre Deloune quarreled with his wife for refusing to accompany him on a trip in a freighter. Deloune strangled the woman and stabbed her in the head and shoulders, then attempted to cut her throat. She dropped insensible, and the man fled. A silk handkerchief, which the woman had around her throat saved her life. On the following day Deloune's body was found dead lying by the roadside, his throat having been cut. The wife is recovering.

A part of 27 naval men arrived on the East train today en route to China. They are all stokers, and expect to join the torpedo destroyer Sparrowhawk at Hongkong.

Mr. Fraser was unanimously nominated tonight as Liberal candidate for Brandon City. Kildown and St. Andrews' Conservatives renominated D. Grain.

## King Edward Arrives Home

The Sovereign Given Great Popular Welcome on Reaching London

French Radicals Ask for Treaty of Arbitration With Great Britain.

Cherbourg, May 5.—The Royal yacht Victoria and Albert with King Edward on board left here this morning for Portsmouth, escorted by a British squadron, after an exchange of salutes with the forts and French war ships, and cheered by the crowds ashore.

Portsmouth, May 5.—King Edward reached Portsmouth this afternoon from Cherbourg. The forts saluted and the ships were manned and dressed. His Majesty took a train for London.

Paris, May 5.—President Loubet telegraphed to King Edward at Portsmouth thanking him for the wishes manifested towards the people and government of France, as explained in His Majesty's dispatches to the President from Cherbourg yesterday.

The Radical Socialist group in the Chamber of Deputies has adopted a resolution urging the immediate negotiation for a treaty of arbitration between Great Britain and France.

## Ninety-Nine Year Lease

Prominent Vancouver Politicians Secure Handsome Government Concession.

Ratepayers Object to City Council Tampering With Accepted Plans.

Sir Alexander Mackenzie Greatly Delighted With Terminal City Singers.

Vancouver, May 5.—Messrs. Robert Kelly and Frank Burnett, prominent Liberal leaders here, announced today that the government have leased them 29 acres of land on False Creek for 99 years. The plan is to erect large warehouses and docks. The City Council tried to head-off the granting of the lease by wiring to Ottawa, Frank Burnett says the lease is already signed. The government have always in the past submitted proposed grants of foreshore to civic council. In the present instance this courtesy was omitted.

The Board of Trade endorsed the resolution of the council tonight protesting against the concessions of False Creek flats to Kelly and Burnett. Mr. Jackson, a member of the board, said he understood the government dredge was going to deepen the channel free of cost for Kelly and Douglas, which would prevent the dredge being used in any other place in the province for a year.

The Methodist Department of Reform has asked the Board of Trade to pass a resolution strengthening their hands in the fight against political corruption in Canada.

Canners and fishermen met today to decide upon the price of fish. The meeting was adjourned. Nothing definite was done.

The Crescent Lacrosse Club is raising funds for the season by concerts. The first concert takes place tomorrow night. The local talent secured is above the average.

An electric tramway has been inaugurated in the tunnel of the Vancouver Power Company at Lake Beauport. Several ratepayers have instructed Messrs. Bowser & Goffrey to proceed against the city after the council has approved the plan of the city and fire hall. Mr. Hooper, of Victoria, was secured, at a great expense, the city going to law over his bill, to approve these very plans with the city on the account of economy, are now altering.

The contracts have been awarded for civic buildings. Mr. A. E. Carter securing the contract for the new jail at \$22,420, and Mr. J. McLuckey for the fire hall at \$29,800. The Victoria authorities were very anxious to secure the best buildings in the city, and \$15,000 will be borrowed on taxes unpaid to make up the sum. This being by way of a temporary loan.

There is some friction between the musical festival and the orchestra. Mr. Alexander Mackenzie's first musical festival in the Opera House last night. Sir Alexander said after the performance: "I must say that this production of the Saturday night was the best I have had with any chorus in Canada, and the Vancouver chorus was the only one with which I did not have a single rehearsal. I was most agreeably surprised." The concert artists Sir Alexander brought with him highly pleased the audience. The matinee and evening performances on Tuesday were even better than the performance on Monday night.

The Anglican clerics opened this morning. Some 60 ministers of the Episcopal church are here from all parts of British Columbia and the states of Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

Two locomotives, 70 feet over all, and working on the cog system, have been ordered by the Pacific branch of the C. P. R. They are said to be the most powerful engines made in the world, having been constructed by the Shaw Engine Works, Schenectady, N. Y. The two engines pulling together could haul a loaded train a mile and a half long. They are used for hauling ore up a steep grade.

## RUSSIA'S DEMANDS ARE PUBLISHED

London Times Secures Careful Summary of the Mysterious Document.

London, May 5.—The Times this morning publishes a despatch from its Pekin correspondent giving a careful summary of the authoritative Russian text of the demands concerning Manchuria. The demands begin by stating that Russia and China have been friendly neighbors for more than two centuries, and that they have continuous frontier for 3,000 miles. The interference of strangers in these mutually friendly relations would impair them and impede the friendly settlement of affairs. Therefore, Russia considers it her duty to guard these relations against alien interference, especially as affecting Manchuria. Russia has sacrificed thousands of lives and millions of money in order to pacify the country and restore to the Chinese the lawful authority. By right of conquest Russia could annex this country, but she is unwilling to profit by this, and as in 1881, she returned it to China, and last year that portion of the country between the great wall and Newchwang, so now she will restore the provinces of Mukden and the Newchwang treaty port, provided China gives the following pledges. Then follow the demands substantially as previously reported.

## IRISH IMMIGRATION.

Great Increase Shown in Number Entering the United States.

New York, May 5.—A great increase in the immigration from Ireland is shown by the record for the first four months this year over the same period of recent years. Statistics given out today show the arrival of 8,266 Irish immigrants in the four months ending April 30, against 4,002 for the same period last year. For several years there was a falling off in Irish immigration. All other nationalities, which come here show a larger percentage of males than females, but of the Irish coming this year, about seventy per cent. are females. Many are girls in their teens.

## ARGENTINE'S BOUNDARY.

British Commissioner Returns With Reports of Amicable Settlement.

London, May 5.—Col. Sir Thomas Holdich, British commissioner for the Chili-Argentine boundary arbitration, arrived here today from South America. In an interview he said the whole of the disputed tract had now been delimited. Iron pillars had been erected at intervals along the boundary with the words "Chile" on one side and "Argentina" on the other. Sir Thomas added that the award had been received with the greatest satisfaction by the governments of both countries concerned. The former alliance between Chili and Argentina probably will be revived and may lead even to a union of the two countries under a federation of South America.

## A Sensible Suggestion

Made by Chief Justice Hunter To the Men at Lady-smith.

Proposal that Miners Return To Work and file Case With Commission.

Nanaimo, B. C., May 5.—It is just probable that the first result of the labor commission at Ladysmith will be the return of the miners to work at the mines. The chief justice of the commission, the commissioners. The Chief Justice suggested this course this afternoon, and an adjournment was made while both sides considered the proposition.

Chief Justice Hunter pointed out that the laborers of the commission might extend over some weeks, and any action of the government on the report might be delayed for a year or more. He thought it might be well if the men could arrange a settlement in the interval, leaving the various questions at issue for consideration by the commission.

Mr. C. Wilson, K. C., representing the miners, urged that the dispute was a lock-out, and not a strike. The cause of the trouble was Mr. Dunsinuir's refusal to recognize any union whether it was the Western Federation or any other organization.

His Lordship urged that a clear statement of Mr. Dunsinuir's attitude on the question should be given to the commission.

An adjournment was ordered till 10 o'clock tomorrow to permit all parties engaged to arrange a basis of settlement, and enable each to file a statement of their case with the commission.

## WILHELM AND EMMANUEL

Two Sovereigns Visit Mother House of the Benedictine Order.

Rome, May 5.—Emperor William and King Victor Emmanuel, escorted by cuirassiers, drove to the station and went to the Abbey of Monte Cassino. There was magnificent weather.

Monte Cassino, May 5.—Emperor William and King Victor Emmanuel arrived here this morning, accompanied by Crown Prince Frederick William, Prince Eitel, the Duke of Aosta, the Duke of Arozzi, the Duke of Genoa, and the Count of Turin. They were accorded an enthusiastic reception.

The scene was extremely picturesque. Quaint crowds of peasants, friars, and sisters gathered from miles around the village to see the extraordinary spectacle of two sovereigns, and the princes of Monte Cassino. The real reason for the visit were the part taken by Emperor William in assisting the Benedictine institutions in Prussia, and the promise which he made to visit the celebrated mother house here.

Gorgeous royal equipages, with outriders and postilions in hunting livery, accompanied by a military escort and the suites of the sovereigns and princes, drove up to the abbey from the station, cheered by the peasants. At the abbey a detachment of troops rendered military honors, and a battery of guns fired a salute.

## KING TO VISIT RUSSIA.

His Majesty Will Go to St. Petersburg in July.

London, May 5.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the Daily Mail says that he hears that King Edward will visit St. Petersburg in July, stopping three days in Berlin on his return. The correspondent says His Majesty also will visit Copenhagen.

## Changes In The Fifth

Captain Hall Appointed to the Command of the Regiment.

Bourassa Once More Makes Egregious Exhibition and is Rebuked.

Permanent Troops are Ordered to Montreal—Yukon Appeal Decided.

Ottawa, May 5.—The following changes are announced in the Fifth Regiment: Lt.-Col. Munro resigns the command of this regiment and is transferred to the reserve of officers with the rank of major; to be lieutenant-colonel and command the regiment, Capt. J. A. Hall; to be adjutant, D. B. McConnon, vice Blanchard, killed in action; to be captains, Lieut. W. H. Langley, W. R. (Wilding) Smith, Lieut. J. D. Pemberton, Paymaster M. G. Graham resigns his commission, Lieut. J. G. Thomson having left limits, his name is removed from the list of officers. To be paymaster with honorary rank of captain, Paymaster Sergeant J. C. Newbury.

Col. Holmes and Lt.-Col. Gregory will examine the British Columbia candidates for the Military College commencing next Tuesday. Major Whyte has been promoted to command the Sixth Regiment. The government has abandoned the idea of increasing the judges' salaries this session.

The request of the Montreal civic authorities for a permanent corps, be sent there has been refused by the government, as the city, while guaranteeing pay and transportation, reserved the right to demand a refund.

The Chinese immigration bill increasing the poll tax to \$500 passed the Commons today.

Bourassa made a vicious attack upon Lord Dunsinuir today, charging him with detaching the militia policy to the government at St. George's, Nanaimo, B. C.

Every subsequent speaker condemned Bourassa's remarks as unjustifiable. Sir F. Borden said nothing was stated by Lord Dunsinuir to which any minister could take offence. (General warning was to render the militia more efficient, and with that object, he (Borden) was in thorough accord. He held, however, that the officer commanding militia was the serving officer, Canada and people. In the past, Imperial officers coming to Canada had not realized this.)

Northwest members tonight registered a vigorous protest against the concession of railway traffic in the West. A detachment of 80 men from the military school at St. Johns, Quebec, has been ordered to go to Montreal and relieve the militia, which has now been on duty for eight days in connection with the strike of longshoremen. Some of the permanent corps to Fredericton, N. B., may later on go to Montreal. Montreal ordered the troops yesterday, agreeing to pay all expenses unconditionally, and all deposits have been made in readiness.

Judgments were delivered in the Supreme Court today in the following cases: Belcher vs. McDonald, appeal allowed, a new trial ordered, respondent to pay the costs of this court, and of the appeal from and the costs of the trial.

In Williams vs. Stevenson, the appeal was allowed and action dismissed with costs in all the courts against respondent. Mr. Justice Armour is of the opinion that the appeal should be granted.

The last case is as to a breach of contract and the former as to a claim for \$50,000, balance of note. Both are appeals from the Supreme court of British Columbia.

## STEAMERS COLLIDE.

Southampton, May 5.—The Atlantic Transport steamer Marquette from London, May 4 left New York and the North German Lloyd steamer Prussian from Hamburg, Sunday, for the Far East, collided during a fog in the channel last night. Both steamers put into this port for repairs. It is said the Marquette will be able to resume her voyage Thursday.

## AN OLD TRICK.

Vallejo, Cal., May 5.—A new method of applying electricity in surgical operations has been demonstrated here. John Getzger, an apprentice at the Navy yard, had been severely injured last week by a pile of steel, which flew from a tool, embedding itself in his face. It was thought the metal had been entirely removed from the wound, but yet it showed indications of the presence of a foreign substance. Electrician Petrar arranged an electric magnet lifting five pounds, held it directly over the wound, and turned on the current. In an instant the offending pile of metal flew from the wound and attached itself to the magnet.

## A MILLIONAIRE FOR RANSOM

Mexican Indians Captured Colonel Erickson and Demand \$500,000.

El Paso, May 5.—Martin Erickson, a millionaire, has been kidnapped by the Yaqui Indians of Sonora, Mexico, who hold him for ransom of \$500,000, which he refuses to pay. Gen. Mena has authorized both Col. Kosteritzky and Gen. Lorenzo Torres to set in motion the military forces at their disposal towards rescuing Col. Erickson. Col. Erickson left the City of Mexico two weeks ago for Sonora, where he had obtained a contract for forty thousand acres of valuable land along the Yaqui river. On the journey he was surprised and taken captive by a band of Yaquis. Col. Erickson is an American, and known in Arizona, California, and well as throughout Mexico. His wealth is estimated from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000, all accumulated during the last three years. Gen. Mena expressed the fear that Col. Erickson will be murdered by the rebels unless the ransom is paid in ten days, the limit set by the Yaquis. Col. Torres will pursue the Yaquis from the south, while Col. Kosteritzky will hold them from the north.



## Montreal Strike National Fight

Shipping Interests Refuse American Domination Over Canadian Trade.

**Ships Two Abreast at Piers and Wharves Choked With Freight.**

Montreal, May 5.—Pers Davidson, representing the shipping men, today gave out this statement: "This is a national fight, and we shall not submit to the dictation of Washington over Canadian trade and labor, even if the trade of the country is temporarily tied up in the struggle."

The longshoremen's strike grows in seriousness without signs of settlement. The entire harbor is congested with shipping. The rush of business to the port since the opening of navigation has been unprecedented. At noon there were no less than 24 cargo laden vessels in port. A greater volume of shipping has seldom been berthed in the harbor so early in the season.

Under ordinary circumstances the resources of the port would have been taxed to the utmost to handle it adequately and expeditiously. The circumstances under which the work in the harbor is being conducted today are: A force of about 1,100 men are at work discharging vessels, between 15 and 20 teams, manned by non-union men, are engaged in transferring the cargo at the wharves to the freight cars. Not more than half of the wharf accommodation has been erected. The wharves are choked with cargo, which there are no teams to move.

On eight of the ships no work is being done, either owing to lack of berth room or lack of wharf space to deposit cargo. Vessels are lying two abreast at some of the piers, and recent arrivals are unable to get near the docks. The Independent Labor Bureau succeeded in getting about 200 new men to the wharves since last night.

The railway position has assumed an entirely new phase. Yesterday's decision to decline all freight of a perishable character has been enlarged so as to embrace all kinds of freight. The Grand Trunk freight management issued today a notice instructing agents to accept no freight, whether domestic or export, for Montreal, until further notice. This is because the Grand Trunk sheds, yards, and sidings are choked with cars. The management fears that if it continues to bring cars here, while the freight cannot be moved, it will seriously cripple the entire system. The Canadian Pacific will only accept freight at the owners' risk.

The appeal of Mayor Cochrane to the Prime Minister for regular troops to replace the volunteer militia guarding the docks, was answered today, when the Minister of Militia offered to send regulars from Toronto and Quebec, and maintain them here if the city of Montreal would pay cost of transport. The city has agreed to do this. One company of the coast at St. John's, Que., have already arrived.

Two more strikes developed today. Four hundred employees of the sack and door factories quit work to enforce demands for a minimum 22¢ per hour. Employees of the Canadian Transfer Company, 75 in number, went out in sympathy with other teamsters. This means that no heavy baggage can be transferred unless by cabmen, hotels, or steamships unless by cabmen.

The Canadian Pacific liner Montrose, with 15,000 tons of general cargo for Montreal, is being discharged at Three Rivers, 50 miles below Montreal. She will come here to load. As a result of the strike, the Board of Trade is drawing up a bill asking parliament to compel labor unions to incorporate, and making it illegal for any body to strike unless incorporated. Hon. J. B. Bickerton, M. P., will father the bill.

### SUSPECT RELEASED.

Priest Held Under Suspicion for Connection With Murder Goes Free.

Loraine, Ohio, May 5.—At 8:15 o'clock tonight the authorities released Rev. Father Walzer, who has been under restraint in connection with the murder of Asaiah Reichenbach.

### MANY WERE KILLED.

Recent Battle Between Revolutionists and Turks Was Severe.

Salamon, May 5.—In the engagement between Turkish troops and revolutionists at Okrina on May 2, 70 revolutionists were killed and 21 wounded.

### SHAMROCK READY AGAIN.

Rough Weather Prevents Challenger's Trial Spin Yesterday.

Gourock, Scotland, May 5.—The resumption of the trials of Shamrock III. today was prevented by the inclemency of the weather. The challenger will be resumed tomorrow. The cup challenger's sails have been bent and no setting is completed. She looks exceedingly well under her new rig.

### COLUMBIA BEATS RELIANCE.

New Defender Shown Clean Pair of Heels by Discarded Yacht.

Glenora, R. I., May 5.—The new Columbia yacht Reliance was beaten by the Columbia in about half an hour's sailing off Glenora late this afternoon. The boats sailing close hauled, and beating into Glenora in a seven-knot breeze, they made two short legs, and the Columbia from a position on the Reliance's lee quarter, sailed through the Reliance's breeze, and then she reached her moorings in the cove. She was nearly a quarter of a mile ahead of the Reliance.

### NEW TIME FUSE.

German Watchmaker's Ingenious Brings Him Handsome Reward.

Berlin, May 5.—A poor watchmaker named Fritz, has sold a mechanical time fuse for projectiles to the Krupp company for \$50,000 and a royalty of one mark (25 cents) for each device used. The Schneider of France have awarded the rights for the countries and Vickers, Son & Maxim have secured the rights for the United States and Great Britain. The mechanism can be adjusted so as to explode in an exceedingly short time, a long distance, or immediately after penetrating a resisting substance such as a ship's armor plate, or a fortification wall. The new fuse is regarded as being especially useful in exploding shrapnel shells.

## MARTELL'S

## THREE STAR

## BRANDY

OF ALL WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

### TELEGRAPHIST DEAD.

Buffalo, May 5.—George Edward Carlisle, one of the best known telegraphists in Buffalo, and formerly of Toronto, died today at his home, No. 32 Emerson Place, after an illness of two weeks, brain fever being the cause of his death. He was 42 years old and a son of Elizabeth Carlisle of Toronto.

### DUTY ON GRAIN.

Associated Chambers of Agriculture Condemns Mr. Ritchie's Change.

London, May 5.—The opposition to the proposal of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Ritchie, to abolish the duty on grain, which has been voiced by numerous Chambers of Agriculture, crystallized in a meeting of Associated Chambers of Agriculture in London today. With only three dissentients, the large assembly, after a heated attack on Mr. Ritchie's "wobbling" policy in connection with this tax, passed a resolution strongly condemning the proposed action and appointing a deputation to call on Premier Balfour and confer with him on the subject. It is not believed the result will have any effect.

Answering a question in the House of Commons today, Mr. Ritchie held out little hope of the millers getting a refund of the duties paid on imported grain, which they may still have on their hands when the tax is abolished, July 1. Mr. Ritchie added, however, that he was anxious to prevent any hardship to the trade, and had, therefore, given permission for the bonding of grain in transit, and had instructed the customs officials to make the operations of bonding as cheap and easy as possible, and with the permission of the house he proposed to remit the quarter per cent, warehouse charge.

## ABUSES IN THE CONGO STATES

American Missionary of Long Residence Relates His Experiences.

London, May 5.—Rev. Dr. Morrison, of Lexington, Virginia, a member of the American Presbyterian mission, who is here on his way home after six years work along the Kassa river, about 1,200 miles in the interior of the Congo State, fully confirms the stories of the abuses in the Congo administration. He has furnished an exhaustive report on the situation of the Congo State authorities to the American and British ministers of the state, and to the Foreign Secretary Lansdowne, detailing the results of his personal investigation, and showing that the situation is daily growing worse, as result of the rubber monopoly's introducing of forced labor, virtually amounting to slavery. On his way to the coast, the Rev. Dr. Morrison covered 800 miles of the Kassa river, formerly thickly dotted with villages, and he says there are now less than a dozen villages there, the people having fled into the forests to escape the tyranny of the whites. The missionary declares it is impossible for the natives to get any redress from the Congo State officials, from the flagrant cruelties to which they are subjected. Rev. Dr. Morrison sails for New York, May 9, and will furnish the State Department at Washington with further evidence on the subject of the Congo State alleged abuses.

### EARLY MONTREAL FIRE.

Locomotive Works at Longue Point Destroyed This Morning.

Montreal, May 5.—The Canadian Locomotive Company's new works at Longue Pointe was on fire at 1 o'clock this morning, and considerable damage has been done.

### MORE IMMIGRANTS.

Shipload Landed at Halifax Bound for Northwest.

Halifax, May 5.—Steamer Adria, from Hamburg via Boulogne, with over 1,400 immigrants, arrived this afternoon. Passengers have all been landed and went forward to their destination in Western Canada tonight.

### VENEZUELAN CLAIMS.

Washington, May 5.—Final permission reached the British, Italian and German embassies tonight for the allies' representatives to sign, with Mr. Bowen, the Venezuelan plenipotentiary, the protocol submitting the question of preferential treatment to the Hague tribunal for arbitration. As soon as the allies' representatives can agree among themselves as to whether the Hague convention shall be signed separately among the three powers, or jointly, the signatures will occur on this question. Mr. Bowen has declared himself neutral.

## CANADIAN AFFAIRS IN OLD COUNTRY

Preston Enlightens Colonial Secretary—To Fight Longshoremen's Strike.

Toronto, May 5.—The News' London cable says: "Hon. Joseph Chamberlain applied to the Canadian emigration commission for information to answer a question raised in the House by Mr. Crookes. Mr. C. as to the trouble between Woolwich artisans and the Steel Company at Sydney. The Colonial Secretary read Mr. Preston's reply verbatim showing that the Dominion Steel Company refused to advance fares from St. John to Sydney. Then Mr. Preston called to the department at Ottawa, which brought the men on to Quebec and Ontario, where all found work. He had received no intimation that the men wished to return to England."

In the course of an interview today, a prominent Canadian ship owner said that the Shipping Federation was nearly all composed of British ship owners. They were determined to ship thousands of laborers to Montreal, and, if necessary, to lodge them on board ships. There had been no strike of a similar magnitude in many years, hence the Federation had a full purse, which was made up by annual subscriptions. The object of the Federation, he said, was to handle cargoes of subscribers in case of a strike at any port. It is the feeling among shippers here that the strike must be beaten. The shipping trade generally is so depressed that extra wage expense is impossible.

## Steamships Crash Together

Twenty People Lose Their Lives in Collision Off Virginia Coast.

In Dense Fog Vessels Meet and Swift Destruction Follows.

Norfolk, Va., May 5.—A collision that cost the lives of twenty or more people and the sinking of the Clyde steamer Saginaw by the Old Dominion Steamship Company's liner Hamilton, occurred between Winterquarters lighthouse and Fenwick Island lighthouse on the Virginia coast at 4:40 o'clock this morning.

The Hamilton left New York yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock for Norfolk, and the Saginaw passed out to the Virginia capes at 9 o'clock last night bound from Richmond and Norfolk for Philadelphia. A dense fog settled along the coast shortly after midnight, and while going through this fog at reduced speed, the Hamilton crashed into the Saginaw's side about twenty feet from the stern.

The scene of the collision is about 13 or 14 miles off the shore and about 200 miles south of New York, and about 140 miles north of Norfolk.

The fog whistle of both vessels was distinctly heard by each other for several minutes before the collision occurred. According to Capt. Boaz, of the Hamilton, his ship was making about nine knots an hour, and the Saginaw about ten. The fog was so thick that objects 50 feet away were invisible, and when the two crafts were in sight of each other there was but a moment's interval before they met. The Saginaw veered as did the Hamilton, but they had no time to clear each other, and her bow high in the air. Panic-stricken people were rushing over the decks and scrambling toward the bow.

Before the life boats of the Hamilton reached the Saginaw, the latter disappeared beneath the waves and nothing but her topsides were visible and to these several men were clinging, one of whom was Capt. J. S. Tunnell. When he was taken off it was found that he had suffered severe if not fatal injuries.

The Hamilton hovered around the scene of the wreck for more than four hours but no sign of life could be seen among the mass of floating freight. Two bodies, one of a man and one of a woman, both clad only in nightdresses, were observed drifting between bales of cotton and cases of goods.

## BETTER FEELING PERVADES FRANK

Fear of Another Visitation Lessening but Disintegration Continues.

Bairmore, N. W. T., May 5.—There is a much better feeling tonight with regard to the situation at Frank, as the engineers who are now doing the work of the condition of the rock at the top of the Turtle mountain report that there was no obvious change today from the condition in which it was found on the two previous days. The disintegration goes on, and minor slides continue, but none reach the river, or proceed far enough to do any damage. The observations being made for the government are to continue till the end of the week. At that time a report will be made which is expected to establish beyond doubt whether or not there is danger of further slides large enough to do damage in the town. The C. P. R. will not resume work tomorrow on the new track, and the Canadian-American Coal Company will begin the work of reconstructing its mines. The wagon road around the side is to be completed in time to begin the transfer of mails and passengers Thursday. Present fears of a disastrous flood have been quieted by a great improvement in the weather today.

## VANCOUVER WOMAN'S SUICIDE.

Wife of Well Known Citizen Takes Carbolic Acid With Fatal Effect.

Vancouver, May 5.—Mrs. A. E. Thourer, wife of a well known citizen, committed suicide here this afternoon by carbolic acid poisoning. Coroner McGowan inquired into the circumstances and decided that there was no necessity for an inquest, the facts being clear. Deceased leaves three children. No reason is assigned for the deed. The woman had been in the hospital not long ago.

## VAST ICE FLOES.

Unusual Number of Bergs Make Atlantic Navigation Dangerous.

St. John's, Nfld., May 5.—Incoming ships report immense ice floes drifting south over the Grand Banks, and into the ocean steamer track. All the Northern coast line of Newfoundland is blocked with ice floes. With the present wind, the coastwise steamers are unable to reach the Northern Coast. It is feared the St. John's and the Eastern Coast line will be icebound within the next day or two. Fast numbers of icebergs are moving south with the current, and constitute a menace to steamers.

## HAPPENINGS IN TORONTO.

Three Wives of Dead Miser Join in Fight For Estate.

Toronto, May 5.—No effort is being made by either the carpenters' section of the Builders' Exchange or striking mechanics to come to terms, and the outlook now is for a determined, long drawn struggle and long die-up of building trades in the city.

Elly Hyman's widows, who number three, and his daughter Esther Wertheimer, of San Francisco, must by order of court today furnish \$300 security before they can further press their claim against the miser Jew's \$60,000 estate. It is likely a commission will go to San Francisco to take evidence in the case. One of the claimants, who says she is the original Mrs. Hyman, resides there the second in New York, and the third at Churchville, Ont.

Griffith's Mental Linctant is just as good for sore, tired, sweat aching, burning feet, as it is for aches and pains anywhere. It cures the most stubborn cases of rheumatism, neuralgia, and all other forms of nerve pain. Cures any pain of any kind. 25c a large bottle.

### OPENING OF ASSIZES.

Grand Jury Threw Out Manslaughter Charge Against George Jeffs.

From present indications, the suring assizes which opened yesterday morning before Hon. Mr. Justice Drake, will be of short duration. The most important development of the day was the point raised by the defence in the Hayes case, that a motion would be made to quash the finding against Hayes on the ground that C. S. Baxter, a member of the grand jury, had been the agent of Capt. Irving in the transaction complained of. The case against Hayes was laid over from the last assizes owing to a successful objection in respect to the constitution of the grand jury, and the point now taken by Mr. Peters will likely be the subject of an interesting argument this morning.

The indictments against George Jeffs and Glenn were thrown out, whilst the Nangle assault case upon the request of Deputy Attorney-General McLean stand over for the next assizes. The criminal docket is therefore reduced to one case, viz., that against Hayes, against whom a true bill was returned. The members of the grand jury are: Mr. Charles Stewart Baxter, Wm. Broderick, Alfred Augustus Clayton, Ed. Franklin DeFoe, Chas. Frederick Gardiner, George Glover, Geo. Frederick Jeannet, John Thos. McDonald, Jos. McLaughlin, John H. Warner (foreman), Arthur Richard Wolfenden.

The civil cases at the present assizes have been adjourned till Friday.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Interesting Programme and Annual Gathering Last Night.

The Victoria branch of the International Sunday School Convention met last night at the Sunday school room of the Metropolitan Methodist church, and the meeting was very well attended. Wm. Marchant, president, occupied the chair. Mr. Sidall addressed the assembly by way of welcome. A very able paper on "Teachers' Relation to the Church Outside the Sunday School," by Miss Graham, elicited hearty applause. The debate, "Resolved that the church should finance the Sunday school," was won by Mr. R. B. McKicking, who spoke well in the affirmative, and Mr. G. Carter in the negative. Other gentlemen present also participated in the debate. It was finally put to the vote and the affirmative was carried.

The following is the list of attendance of teachers and officers at the meeting last evening: Metropolitan Methodist, 10; Central Methodist, 10; Victoria West Methodist, 4; Spring Ridge Methodist, 3; First Presbyterian, 9; St. Andrew's Presbyterian, 1; Knox Presbyterian, 4; St. Columbia Presbyterian, 4; Calvary Baptist, 8; Emmanuel Baptist, 4; Victoria Baptist, 3; Burnside Baptist, 2; Congregational, 3; Strawberry Vale Methodist, 2; Saanich Baptist, 2.

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### LONG MEASUREMENTS OF TIME.

As indication of the vast periods of time with which the geologist has to deal, English geologists on observation of the mountains among the Himalayas which are cut through by rivers often show that the river was there before the mountain—that is to say, that the river cut its way through the mountain with the attrition which has been going on in the river bed. Thus there are certain tertiary beds in the Himalayas which have been involved in the last colossal movements whereby the great ranges of mountains were upheaved, and the structure of these beds shows that the same distribution of watercourses has been maintained as existed before the disturbance. Again, the rise of the Umta mountains has been so quiet that the Green river which flows across the site of the range, has not been deflected, but has actually been able to deepen its canyon as fast as the mountains have been pushed upward. Geologists have often remarked that the erosive power of a river almost entirely obliterates the amount of sediment which is held in suspension. It has been noticed that a clear and rapid river, even when it flows with great velocity, has practically no effect upon the rocks which form its bed, and this although they be of comparatively soft material. Thus, to quote from Sir Archibald Geikie's well-known work "The St. Lawrence," leaves Lake Ontario as pure as the waters of the lake itself. The low-lying broadlands of the St. Lawrence valley still present a wide, open, smooth and undulating surface down to and beneath the surface of the present St. Lawrence. The St. Lawrence valley from the Lake of Ontario to Quebec with a plain surface, is a fact which has not been very deeply eroded.

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Everybody invited to see public test of the celebrated Manville Chemical Dry Powder Fire Extinguisher, to be given at 11 p.m. sharp today, on corner of Wharf and Broadway streets.

## Victoria Musical Festival

## DRILL HALL

## Thursdays and Friday, May 7th and 8th

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## DOORS OPEN AT 7:15

The doors will be closed at 8 o'clock and opened only between each number on the programme to admit late comers. Prices \$1, 75c, 50c. Matinee 50c.

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## JAS. L. RAYMUR, Water Commissioner, City Hall, 5th May, 1903.

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Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Licensing Commissioners at their next sitting, for a transfer of the license to retail wines and liquors by retail on the premises at 129 Government street, and known as the "Omnine Salon," to CHAS. J. TULK.

April 18th, 1903. John Barrett

## TENDERS

Are invited for repairing at Victoria or Esquimalt, B. C., the German barque "Columbia," now lying in Esquimalt harbor, where she may be inspected. Specifications may be seen at the office of R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd., Wharf street, where all other information may be obtained.

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Single Taxers.—A meeting will be held within a few days for the purpose of organizing a branch of single tax adherents in this city.

Mothers' Club.—The Mothers' Club will hold a meeting in Spring Ridge school today at 3:30. The subject for the day, "Functuality and Regularity," will be opened by Mrs. Maynard, with a paper.

Conference Music.—A rehearsal will be held tonight in the Metropolitan church for the conference music which is assisting in the chorus are requested to be present. The next rehearsal will be on Tuesday, the 12th inst.

Reception to Sailors.—Under the auspices of the W. C. T. U., a reception will be tendered to the sailors of the fleet stationed at Esquimalt at the Sailors' and Soldiers' Club. An excellent programme has been prepared and promptly at 8 o'clock the first number will be given. Refreshments will be served.

United States Opinion.—According to the Tacoma News, arrangements are being made in that city to arrange a large party to attend the Musical Festival. They will either take advantage of the cheap rates offered by the Puget Sound Navigation Company or charter a special boat.

New Uniforms.—The street railway employees are shortly to appear in their new spring uniforms. The regulation blue serge will be the material of the new suits, which are to be manufactured by a local tailoring establishment. The approach of the warm weather has rendered the disarding of the heavy winter uniforms a necessity.

Eighteen Days More.—As will be seen by their advertisement elsewhere in this paper, the Sterling dry goods store have just got eighteen days more to dispose of their large stock of dry goods, having to vacate their present premises within that time. A few of the prices quoted in their ad. will give some idea of the big reductions made in all lines.

Dredge For Atlin.—W. J. Robinson, of Philadelphia, who is at present in the city, a guest at the Diarrid, intends taking a large gold dredge to Atlin to be operated on the Poor Farm property. The electrical equipment, which is supplied by the Vancouver Electric Manufacturing Company, includes two 180-kw. belt driven alternators which are to be driven by waterwheels; two type G-2 variable-speed induction motors, with controllers; two standard type C induction motors for driving the pump, one of 20 horse-power and the other of 50 horse-power; and a 15 horse-power type C motor for operating screens.

Albion Stage.—Pendry Harris, proprietor of the Nainaimo-Albion stage, announces a new running schedule, which goes into effect on Monday next. The stage leaves Nainaimo on Mondays and Thursdays at 11 a. m., and Wellington at 1 p. m., or on arrival of train from Victoria, and arrives at Albion by 10:30 p. m., or by 10 a. m., on the following day. Returning, it will leave Albion on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 7:30 a. m., arriving at Nainaimo by 6 p. m., same day. A good passenger and freight service is guaranteed. Orders may be left at either Hotel Wilson or Windsor House, Nainaimo.

Celebration Programme.—A programme announcement, giving the leading events at the forthcoming Victoria Day celebration, has been issued by the secretary of the general committee. The events mentioned are lacrosse (Victoria vs. Vancouver), baseball, regatta at the Gorge, and a parade, which will be a canoe race, featuring amateur senior and junior, B. C. championship. The warships of the Pacific squadron, including Admiral Bickford's flagship, H. M. S. Grafton, will be open to visitors. There will be a display of fireworks at the Beacon Hill in the evening, and band concerts both afternoon and evening.

Commissions Not Allowed.—At a meeting of the executive of the Provincial Mining Association, a motion was passed providing that no commissions be allowed for the collection of subscriptions, and it was also decided to appoint an auditing committee, who will prepare a report on a misunderstanding that had arisen between the members of the committee and the former treasurer, A. B. Fraser, sr. Mr. Fraser claims that he was entitled to commission on subscriptions passing through his hands in view of the fact that Mr. Hirschfeld in Vancouver and a canvasser in this city had obtained commission on their collections. The amount of the commission was placed by him in each city or district. That individual and delinquent owners' notices be rendered imperative.

Press Association's Request.—The Interior Press Association is anxious to have the government agree to the following in connection with the publication of notices: (1) That publishers' receipts for all legal advertising be compulsory and embodied in an affidavit as to due payment and be made a part of title. (2) That synopsis of all statutes enacted by the legislature in each year be published in one newspaper in every district for the information of the public. (3) That all laws, city and municipal, all financial statements of incorporated cities and municipalities, quarterly and annually, be made compulsory in a newspaper circulation in each city or district. That individual and delinquent owners' notices be rendered imperative.

The Orphan.—The continued success of this popular theatre, which is the Victoria, "Victoria's first family theatre," is certainly the feature of the town. This week the phenomenal Duffy children, "Princess Fay and Prince Bonnie," have brought a large audience. They will change their act tomorrow. Frederick N. Tracy, singing the beautiful illustrated song, "A Picture Without a Frame," which is illustrated by a scene taken in Victoria—is producing a decided hit. This song is being illustrated by purely Victoria views—all were taken at Beacon Hill park. Last, but by no means least, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Duffy appear in a very clever sketch and keep the audience in a roar of laughter by their clever quips. The favorite place for ladies and children.

A Word of Warning.—For some time past the electric railway cars have been very much troubled by some persons maliciously interfering with the electric lines from Goldstream. This trouble became so acute that a few days ago the company offered a reward of \$100 for information that would lead to the conviction of the offender. The matter was put into the hands of the provincial police, and after a couple of days' investigation, the offender was brought to justice. Police Magistrate Smith (Hall) was fined \$75 or three months' imprisonment with hard labor. The magistrate took a lenient view of the case, as the young man appeared not to know the seriousness of his offence. Probably in future if those peculiarly minded persons who seem to have a fascination for interfering with wires, insulators, etc., knew that every time they did so they were rendering themselves liable to two years' imprisonment, they would turn their attention to some less harmful amusement. The company, realizing the very great danger to life and property which might result from the high voltage of electricity which is carried along these transmission wires being turned from their proper course, have determined to put a stop to the habit of the would-be sportsmen who have to practise on the insulators on their way after the elusive prize of a "shock." If these would-be sportsmen knew that every time they broke an insulator they were rendering themselves liable to two years' imprisonment, as well as endangering the lives of the men at the power houses, the probability is they would find some other target upon which to waste their ammunition.

Visiting Tourists.—Recent visitors at the rooms of the Tourist Association on Fort street, included Mrs. G. W. Little, Miss Lillian Littlejohn and Mrs. A. W. Hartree, of New York city. Originally they only intended staying here one day, but were so much pleased that their visit had been prolonged to a week. H. C. Wilkinson, a prominent official of the British government at Shanghai, accompanied by C. N. Cross, of Kobe, Japan, expressed themselves as charmed with the place. The latter left the sum of \$5 towards the maintenance fund of the association.

Friendly Help.—The regular monthly meeting of the Friendly Help Association was held in the rooms, Market Hall, yesterday morning. Twelve members were present, and the vice-president, Mrs. Wm. Grant occupied the chair. The treasurer reported that 34 applicants had been helped during March. Donations of cash had been received from Miss Newcombe, F. H. Eaton and the City Council, cash, \$77.65; expenditure, \$62.05; balance, \$15.60. Clothing was received from Mrs. R. Croft, Mrs. D. H. Ker, Mrs. King, Mrs. McLean, Mrs. A. A. Green, Mrs. Phillips, Miss Perrin, Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Saville, Mrs. Saunders, Mrs. Heisterman and R. Porter and Sons.

Raffle Tonight.—The watch and chain owned by the late George Crossman will be raffled tonight at William Harrison's on Johnson street.

Church Parade.—The members of the Fifth Regiment are requested not to forget the church parade on Sunday to the Central Methodist church on the Gorge road.

Meet on Friday.—Owing to the fact that an adjourned meeting of the council was in progress yesterday evening, the meeting of the committee to arrange a scheme for the library plans' competition was adjourned until Friday evening.

Blacksmiths' Meet.—A meeting of the Blacksmiths' Union was held last night at Labor Hall, at which the strike situation was discussed and routine business carried on. The proposal to start a union shop was discussed, among other things.

Will Run North.—Information reached the city yesterday to the effect that when the new ferry steamer Princess Victoria has been fitted up and made ready for service, she will be placed in the hands of the City Assessor for a couple of trips before taking up her regular route between Victoria and Vancouver.

Quality Demonstrated.—Miss Langton for the next week will demonstrate in Mowat &amp; Wallace's grocery store, the advantage "Wesson's Cooking Oil" has over butter in cooking, and especially in making cakes. The oil is quite a new thing on the market, and is a pure vegetable product.

Yorkshire Society.—The quarterly meeting of the Yorkshire Society was held last night in the Royal Cafe hotel on Fort street. The Rev. Canon Beauland occupied the chair. After the secretary had submitted his statement, and the general routine business had been disposed of, the rest of the evening was given up convivially.

Council Meeting.—An adjourned meeting of the council was held yesterday evening for the purpose of taking into consideration the matter of adjusting complaints against lower rated tax assessments. Some progress was made with the task in hand, preparatory to the revision of City Assessor North's approximate cost of doing so. Necessary repairs and alterations to the Isolation hospital building.

When to Sprinkle.—Jas. L. Rayner, water commissioner, has issued a notice calling attention to section 22, of the Waterworks Regulation Bylaw, 1900, which reads as follows: "No person shall sprinkle, or use in any manner whatsoever, the water supplied by the city upon lawns, gardens, yards or grounds of any description, except between the hours of 5 and 9 o'clock in the morning, and the hours of 5 and 10 o'clock in the evening, unless the water so used shall be supplied by meter."

Carpenters Will Meet.—A mass meeting of the carpenters of the city will be held tonight at Labor Hall, when the question of the strike now going on will be discussed. All the carpenters of the city, union or non-union, are invited to be present. The members of the executive committee of the strikers state that the report which has been published, that some of the carpenters have gone back to work at the old wage, is not true. As far as the committee can learn, none of the men who went out have gone back.

Musical Festival.—The attention of ticket holders is specifically drawn to the advertisement appearing in this morning's issue. The Festival authorities, in order to prevent annoyance and disturbance to seat holders and those taking part in the Festival, will adopt the wise device of closing the doors of the Labor Hall promptly at 8 o'clock, and will only open them during the numbers on the programme to admit late comers. School children will be admitted to the musical festival matinee on Friday at half price.

Visit to Industries.—The first of the series of school children's visits to the manufacturing establishments of the city will take place on Friday afternoon next. The senior pupils of the various schools will leave the school buildings at 1:30 p. m., and under the escort of the teachers and committees from the Chamber of Commerce, make a special inspection to a number of the manufacturing plants. Arrangements have been made for street car transportation to points where factories are situated at any distance from the business section. Every precaution will be taken to see that no accident befalls the children.

Mr. Martin's Health.—It has not been decided when the operation of amputating Mr. Joseph Martin's leg will be performed. It is expected that the leg will be removed just below the knee joint. It appears that Mr. Martin has had periodical trouble with his leg since he was 13 years old, and has submitted to operations at different times. Mr. Martin is quite cheerful considering the ordeal ahead of him. He has been taking a very heavy fall of the last few days return to the Diarrid, where he will probably remain until a few days before the operation. The chief aim of his physicians at present, it is understood, is to enable Mr. Martin to live in the best possible condition before operating.

Expect a Flood.—People living in the Fraser Valley are looking for another season of unusually high water in the Upper Country, and the weather prospects are that there will be unprecedentedly high water this spring on the Fraser. Reports from all over the interior are that there is a very heavy fall of snow yet to melt and come down the rivers. The spring is unusually late, and under ordinary conditions the river would now be in flood, instead of being unusually low, as it is at present time. The last big flood was in 1894, when great damage was done to farms and property of the Canadian Pacific railway throughout the valley. If the weather suddenly becomes warm within the next two weeks floods are practically certain.

Police Court.—Henry Johnson was brought before the Police Magistrate for ill-treatment of his dogs. He kept a dozen dogs in a yard on Fort street, and it was charged by the Society of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, that he did not feed them, and that he ill-treated them. He was convicted for the same offence a year ago, and was out on suspended sentence. P. B. Kitto, Sergeant Walker, and Dr. Hamilton told of how the accused kept his dozen dogs in a shocking condition, some being in a state of starvation. He was again allowed out on suspended sentence on condition that he dispose of some of the dogs, retaining only one or two, and that he keep in proper condition. Four summonses have been issued for offenders riding wheels without lights. One was fined \$3 yesterday.

Edison Theatre.—The home of high-class vaudeville and moving pictures played to very large audiences both afternoon and evening. The management made a good bargain when they succeeded in obtaining "Estrella." She has won the ladies by her beautiful costumes and graceful dancing. Estrella is assisted by Senor Garbaron, who is also an artist. Among the others who appear are Dan McGee, a comedian who is carried along by the audience with him all through his act, as he is very clever. Miss Stoddard, the refined lady monologist, made her first appearance and was greatly appreciated. She kept the house in a good laugh and kept the audience in a good mood of applause. Mr. Le Roy again successfully sang the beautiful illustrated song, "Little Empty Nest," and the performance concluded with the living pictures, the history of Joan of Arc. The matinee performances from 2:30 to 5 p. m., and eveningings from 7 to 11 p. m.

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Pillowslip Lace, 4½ inch. wide, 40c. a dozen. Sale price 25c. a dozen.  
Black Mercerized Satine Skirts, two ruffles, were \$1.65. Reduced to 90c.  
Black Mercerized Satine Skirts, two ruffles, were \$1.25. Reduced to 80c.  
White Pique Dress Skirts, worth \$1.75. Now 90c.  
White Pique Dress Skirts, worth \$2. Now \$1.00.  
Butterfly Soap, 2 cakes for 5c.  
Straight Front Corsets, worth 75c. Now 50c.  
25c. Velling, now 15c.  
Corset Covers, French and embroidery, worth 60c. Now 40c.  
Ladies' Drawers, wide frills, 50c. Now 30c.  
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Interesting.—An event of exceptional interest in the future engagement at the Victoria theatre of "A Wise Woman," a musical comedy farce in 3 acts. It is said that the instantaneous hit the piece made has led to the cancellation of many one-night stands in which it was booked so as to enable the manager to accept contracts offered in the larger cities. The engagement in this city will be kept as Manager Boscowitz has an iron-clad contract to this effect.

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